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5 **IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Cancel Claims 10-14 in favor of a divisional application which is being filed.

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Claim 1. (Amended) A sports racket, comprising;

a frame defining a rounded opening of predetermined shape with a vertical axis
and a horizontal axis;

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a handle secured to the frame and lying at least substantially along the vertical
axis; and strings supported by the frame and suspended within said
opening, said strings being arranged in two parallel, interwoven groups,
wherein strings of the first group intersect a reference line parallel to the
horizontal axis at an angle of about 49-60 degrees above said reference
line and strings of the second group intersect the reference line at an angle
of about 49-60 degrees below the reference line, **the frame and strings**
are in a non-distorted shape, the intersection angle is selected to
completely eliminate distortion.

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Claim 15. (Amended)

A sports racket, comprising;

a frame defining a rounded opening of predetermined shape with a vertical axis
5 and a horizontal axis;

a handle secured to the frame and lying at least substantially along the vertical
axis; and strings supported by the frame and suspended within said
opening, said strings being arranged in two parallel, interwoven groups,
10 wherein strings of the first group intersect a reference line parallel to the
horizontal axis at an angle of about 49-60 degrees above said reference
line and strings of the second group intersect the reference line at an angle
of about 49-60 degrees below the reference line, with said strings having
been restrung and re-tensioned in order to achieve said angular
15 relationships, the frame and strings are in a non-distorted state,
whereby the frame is not distorted.